Dates to remember:
-UC application window is open November 1st to November 30th.
-CSU application window is open and will close on November 30th.

College reps coming to our campus:
Interested students will need to pick up a pass in the college and career.
-UC San Diego—November 28th at 8am
-Sacramento State University—November 28th at 10am

Please feel free to e-mail or call me, Sally Randazzo, if you have any questions regarding the information in this newsletter

Important updates for Seniors:

Once you have completed your FAFSA or CADAA you need to create a WebGrants 4 Students account. This account allows students to access tools, resources, and other information that will be helpful with the college financial aid process.

Steps for student to create their own WebGrants account:

Go to the WebGrants 4 Students homepage at https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp.
Select the "Create an Account" link.
Students will need to use their Social Security Number or Dream Act ID, first name, middle initial, last name, and date of birth to match the CSAC's records from the student's FAFSA or CADAA.
If their information matches their FAFSA or CADAA their account will be created.

Reminders for WebGrants:

To claim award students MUST go to WGS and:
Confirm school of attendance (must be on their FAFSA/CADAA)
Confirm that their high school graduation is certified
Students who do not claim their Cal Grant award and who are not claimed by a college will have their award withdrawn the end of the academic year.
If a student is ineligible for a grant they can find the reason on the California Aid Report screen.

Student portals:

After student applications are beginning to be processed by colleges, the colleges will send students via e-mail, instructions on setting up the Student Portal. The portals need to be set up for each college the student has applied to. Students cannot set up a portal until they receive the instructions from the colleges. It is extremely important to set these up. Inside the portal for each school will be notifications of items that may be missing, information on acceptances, open houses, financial aid, housing, etc. It is important that students write down the user name and password for every college that they create a Student Portal. The Student Portal is essential for keeping track of material submitted and processed by the individual college. The Student Portal will have a to do list for students to click and see whether or not each piece of information has been processed.

Here are some things to consider as you start thinking about your future:

Remember that these plans can be changed and experts predict that the average person will change careers, not just jobs, more than five times in his or her lifetime.
Take time to think about what you like to do; dream and imagine ideal careers.
Challenge yourself in high school, but don't overwhelm yourself. Be sure to include at least one fun course in your schedule.
Work, volunteer or find a way to gain some exposure to different career options.
Talk with as many adults as possible about careers and colleges. Let them tell you about their career and college experiences.
Remember that everyone must follow his or her own path. Don't let other people's opinions about your dreams and ambitions affect your decision.

UC APPLICATION NEWS

Reminders for applicants

Please keep in mind these helpful reminders for applicants:
Test Scores: Official SAT with Writing/Essay, ACT with Writing, SAT Subject Tests and TOEFL scores need to **ONLY be sent to ONE campus** – UC will share scores with all campuses to which a student applies. The SAT Subject Exams are not required, but encouraged for some majors.
Test Dates in November/December: For students who will take exams in November and December they must:
report planned SAT, ACT, SAT Subject, and TOEFL test dates on the application
then log back into their UC application to self-report scores after they are received
order official scores from the testing agencies before the end of December

Fee Waivers: Application fees for up to four campuses can be waived for qualified students. UC's fee waiver program, which is part of the UC application, is for U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and applicants eligible for AB540 benefits. Waivers cannot be combined or used for more than four campuses.
The following are not required at the time of application submission:
Transcripts: Official transcripts should not be submitted unless a UC campus directly contacts a student to request it.
Official AP/IB Scores: Students must self-report all exams completed or planned and only submit an official score report if they accept an offer of admission to one UC campus. The official score report must be received by July 15.
Letters of recommendation: UC does not require letters of recommendation. However, a campus may specifically request a letter (s) directly from some applicants.
SAT Subject Tests: UC does not require SAT Subject Tests to apply for admission. Specific programs at UC recommend SAT Subject Tests to demonstrate mastery in certain subjects.